

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction. H.B. No. 357 (Bucy/Hughes)

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 706

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 357 (the requirements to access the online tracker of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail and to the date of runoff elections) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION 1. Section 2.025, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday designated by the secretary of state [~~not earlier than the 20th or later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed~~].

(e) A date designated by the secretary of state under this section for a runoff election:

(1) must be:

(A) not earlier than the 30th day after the date of the main election; and

(B) not later than the 45th day after the date of the main election; and

(2) may not:

(A) be a national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f); or

(B) have an early voting period that includes a national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f).

SECTION 3. Section 2.025(b), Election Code, is repealed.

Explanation: This change is necessary to provide for consistency and predictability in determining the date of a runoff election.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate